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### **River Basin Restoration Priority Transition Approach**

The NC Division of Mitigation Services (DMS), formerly Ecosystem Enhancement Program, is currently in the process of updating its watershed prioritization process. While DMS transitions to a new process, it is updating individual 8-digit CUs that are anticipated to have extensive mitigation needs and/or CUs with outdated data considered insufficient to support prioritization decisions. DMS updated priorities for Lumber 03040204 after recognizing the need to incorporate new data and identify greater total area within the CU.

DMS has added three additional targeted local watersheds (TLWs) based upon more current datasets on problems, assets and opportunities in the watershed and to support opportunities for watershed restoration and uplift. The newly targeted watersheds are prioritized due to imperviousness, agricultural land use, disturbed buffer, Natural Heritage Natural Area designation and hydric soils. Existing TLWs will be maintained. The additional TLWs will increase the targeted area for Lumber 03040204 from 15% to 40%. The updated TLWs are included in the attached table. Details on DMS's methodology for CU-specific updates may be accessed via DMS's [Watershed Planning Documents page](#) or at the following links: [2015 RBRP Methodology](#) and the [Lumber 04 TLW Update Map](#).

## 2015 Lumber 03040204 TLWs

HUCODE	Problems Score	Assets Score	Opportunities Score	Overall Score
3040204010010	12	96	3	111
3040204010020	36	32	0	68
3040204010030	32	58	3	93
3040204010040	28	30	2	60
3040204010050	52	6	1	59
3040204010060	56	18	5	79
3040204020010	80	34	5	119
3040204020020	56	6	4	66
3040204020030	40	52	3	95
3040204037010	84	8	4	96
3040204040010	8	96	1	105
3040204040020	8	96	2	106
3040204040030	48	72	3	123
3040204040040	60	52	9	121
3040204048010	68	24	3	95
3040204080020	48	12	2	62
3040204081010	44	54	6	104
	TLWs to be relisted			
	New TLWs			